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Scottsdale Healthcare distributed about 1,100 doses of H1N1 flu vaccine at its most recent clinic and will host another clinic Thursday with up to 700 doses available.

The free vaccinations were given Nov. 21 to those from 6 months of age to 65.

"We were expecting to give 700 immunizations just based on our past experience with what we could administer in that four-hour time period," Scottsdale Healthcare spokesman Keith Jones said. "We actually had enough vaccine available, and we were able to accommodate everyone who was in line."

Jones said the average wait time to receive the vaccine was about 90 minutes. He said the public was patient.

Clinic staffers had those waiting in line fill out paperwork to help speed the process.

Those receiving the vaccine must fill out a consent form.

U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell visited the Nov. 21 event, held near Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn Medical Center. Mitchell commended Scottsdale Healthcare for its community outreach.

"These series of clinics are part of tremendous outreach efforts to educate folks on preventive measures that can help keep our local community and our neighbors healthy," he said.

Thursday's free clinic will be from 4-8 p.m. at 7301 E. Fourth St., an office building west of the Osborn hospital.

Injectable and FluMist nasal spray vaccines will be available.

- FluMist will be given to those between the ages of 2 and 49. They must not have underlying medical conditions (asthma, cardiac conditions, diabetes and certain muscle or nerve disorders that can lead to breathing or swallowing problems) and no previous severe reaction to flu vaccine or an egg allergy. The FluMist will not be given to pregnant women.
- Injectable H1N1 vaccine will only be given to those who do not qualify for FluMist (pregnant women and those with underlying medical conditions, including the morbidly obese).
- Those who do not qualify for FluMist by virtue of age alone will receive the injectable vaccine.

- Children younger than 9 will require a booster dose of vaccine four weeks after their first dose of H1N1 vaccine.